St John the Evangelist, Dormansland Newsletter – November 2026

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Thought for November - Luke 11: 9-13

And so, I say to you: Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For those who ask will receive, and those who seek will find, and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks. Would any of you who are fathers give your son a snake when he asks for fish? Or would you give him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

We have had a lot of reminders of the importance of prayer recently, particularly in our sermons and our liturgy during the morning services.

I am so pleased to know that Helen our Churchwarden is still faithfully leading our prayer meeting every Friday afternoon in the St Andrew's Chapel. Not many attend this but I'm hopeful that most members of our church are praying at home on a regular basis for each other and the growth of all our congregations.

I was recently asked what I would like everyone to pray for, so I began a list. I prayed about what to include and the list got longer. Here's a precis!

It's all about the people: The Church of St John is made up of some very valuable and talented people. All of whom we should be praying for every day! When we come to church on a Sunday morning, we are in danger of forgetting how many people it takes to run a service. Let's not take anyone for granted and pray regularly for our teams.

We are currently enjoying welcoming new people into Bubble Church, Messy Church and The Five, and so we thank God for that growth – small but steady. We are also grateful to God for the new faces that appear from time to time in our Sunday morning services. I am praying that they will feel part of our family very quickly.

With a focus on increasing the number of young families into the church, we are pleased that our children's services are doing well. Let's keep praying that the services over Christmas will bring more enquirers into our church family. May God bless our plans.

Please pray for our continued relationship with Dormansland School, with The Old House at Home, with the Memorial Hall folk and indeed the community of Dormansland. Let's pray for Anne Van Vliet who manages and works to hire out our Parish Rooms.

We have some big services coming up soon when we invite our community to join us at our Remembrance service this month, Christingle service at the beginning of December, the Lighting of the Christmas tree, Carols by Candlelight, the all age Nativity service, Midnight Communion and Christmas Day Communion – Christmas is really not that far away now.

Please continue to pray for our unity and ministries…and the people involved. What better way to do as Jesus taught in John 13: 34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Services at St John's in November 2026

Sunday 1st Nov. – 8am – Service of the Word, 9am – Bubble Church,10am – Parish Communion, 11:30am – All Souls memorial Service, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 8th Nov.- 8am – Said Communion, 10:30am – Remembrance Service, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 15th Nov. – 8am – Said Communion, 10am – Parish Communion with Sunday Smilers, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 22nd Nov. - 8am – Said Communion, 10am – Parish Communion, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 29th Nov. - 8am – Said Communion, 10am – Parish Communion, 5pm – Informal Worship

Messy Church

Tuesday 24th Nov. - 3:30pm

Compline on Zoom

Every Wednesday at 8pm
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74615258857?pwd=QXfPyoDEbLeuxPq5sCNBcQDsfTCgyX.1
Meeting ID: 746 1525 8857
Passcode: compline

Meeting Up & Warm Hub

We meet in the Centenary Room
3rd & 17th Nov. – 10am-12pm

Home Groups

These groups meet in people's homes on a regular basis. They involve times of Bible study/or discussion, a time of prayer and mutual support. The group meets at various homes on Wednesday afternoons beginning at **2:30pm.** Please see Jackie Harrison for further information.

Saturday Lunches

A free simple lunch is offered in St Bernard's on the last Saturday of every month from **12.30 pm**. The next one will be on **Saturday 28th November.**

All Souls Service at St John's

At **11.30am on Sunday 1st November** St John's will be holding a service to remember loved ones who have made it to heaven before us. This will be a special service for the community of Dormansland when names of those we wish to remember will be read out during the service. Please either email vicar.dormansland@gmail.com or write names on the list at the back of church.

Friday Prayer

Jesus prioritised prayer in his busy life. We are setting aside an hour each Friday to pray from 4pm in St Andrews Chapel for the needs of the parish and the wider world.

Christmas Market

On **Saturday 14th November St Peter & St Paul** are holding their annual Christmas Market. Open 11am-3pm, come along to support the local businesses selling their products. You can also enjoy a nice turkey roll and a glass of Mulled Wine! We will also be holding a raffle at 3pm! See you there!

Christmas Services

Sun 6th December at 9am Bubble Church.
Fri 11th December - 6.00pm Lighting of the Christmas Tree with carols, hot chocolate and a special guest (Ho, ho, ho!)
Sun 13th December - 10am Christingle Service
Sun 20th December - 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Thurs 24th December - 4pm Christmas Eve Nativity Service with Christmas carols. Children are invited to come dressed as a nativity character
Thurs 24th December - 11.30pm Midnight Communion Service
Fri 25th December - 10am Christmas Day All Age Communion Service

College of St Barnabas – Autumn Fair

On **Saturday 7th November**, the Friends St Barnabas Autumn Fair is being held. It starts at 10.00am - noon. Usual stalls, cash only. Admission is £1.